

**REMARKS**

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-37 remain pending. Applicants continue to disagree with the rejections made in the Final Office Action, as set forth in the previously filed Appeal Brief. However, after discussion with the Examiner, Applicants have amended the claims in this supplemental amendment to expedite allowance of the case. The Examiner requested the amendment, and has indicated that the amendment will be entered and that the case will be allowed.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5760-12600/LJM.

Respectfully submitted,

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